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month and Day. One thousand Seven hundred and twenty four being the day of the Return of the ~~Writ~~ Writ Cometh the said Edmund Hough by his attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Somerset County aforesaid to whom the foregoing writ was directed Likewise Cometh & maketh Return thereof to the Court here Endorsed in these words following viz - Legi Corpus of Jos. M. Kerles Show

Whereupon the said John Hammon being called, appears, and thereupon the said John Hammon at the prayer of the aforesaid attorney aforesaid is adjudged to give Special Bail to the action aforesaid thereupon a certain Thomas Couiter son of William Couiter of Somerset County planter present here in Court undertakes for the said John Hammon that if in favor the said Edmund Hough shall Recover Judgment in the plea aforesaid against the said John Hammon or that the said John Hammon shall be therein convicted that then he the said John Hammon shall pay the satisfaction of the Court thereupon or Render his Body to the custody of the Sheriff of Somerset County in Satisfaction thereof <sup>the said Thomas Couiter</sup> or that he will do it for him

And the said John Hammon in his own proper person Cometh and defendeth the force and Injury when done and Saith that he cannot gainsay the aforesaid action aforesaid so as aforesaid against him brought nor can he say but that the said aforesaid ought to recover his damages by Quotion of the premises aforesaid to three hundred & twenty pounds of good & Eighteen Shillings & Nine pence current Money, and Cost of Suite against him which the said aforesaid doth not gainsay — Therefore it is considered by the Justice here the Sixteenth Day of March and Day. One thousand Seven hundred & twenty four aforesaid that the said Edmund Hough Recover against the said John Hammon as well the Sum of three hundred and twenty pounds of good sound Merchantable Gold & Eighteen Shillings and Nine Pence current Money his damages by Quotion of the premises aforesaid in form aforesaid Confessed as also the Sum of three hundred & Thirty three — pounds of Tobacco by the Court here adjudged unto him for his Costs and Charges by ~~the Court here~~ <sup>him</sup> about Suite in this behalf Said But & Expended and the said John Hammon in Meru